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1. SUMMARY: THE NATIONAL ELECTORAL COURT HAS SUSPENDED THE RELEASE OF ANY NEW ELECTION RESULTS UNTIL AT LEAST JULY 18. NEW UNOFFICIAL RESULTS, RELEASED BY THE DEPARTMENTAL ELECTORALCOURT OF LA PAZ, COMBINED WITH THE EARLIER RESULTS FROM THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS, CONTINUE TO GIVE PEREDA SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 50 O/O OF THE TOTAL VOTES CAST. HERNAN SILES ZUAZO HAS NARROWLY WON THE CITY OF LA PAZ BUT PEREDA HAS TAKEN A VERY SLIGHT LEAD IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LA PAZ AS A WHOLE. THERE HAS BEEN NO PUBLIC REACTION TO THE DEPARTMENT'S PRESS RELEASE ON THE BOLIVIAN ELECTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. DR JULIO MANTILLA, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ELECTORAL COURT (NEC), HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE RELEASE OF PRELIMINARY AND UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS HAS BEEN SUSPENDED "BECAUSE UNCLASSIFIED

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OF THE CONFUSION CREATED BY THE INACCURATE TRANSMISSION OF SOME RESULTS." MANTILLA ADDED THAT "IF THERE ARE PROVEN IRREGULARITIES THE FRAUDULENT RESULTS WILL BE ANNULLED".

3. MANTILLA REITERATED THAT ONLY WHEN THE NEC BEGINS ITS SCRUTINY OF THE DEPARTMENTAL RESULTS ON JULY 21 WILL THE RESULTS BECOME OFFICIAL. HOWEVER, ONE PRESS REPORT INDICATES

THAT THE NEC MAY BEGIN RELEASING SOME ELECTION RESULTS AGAIN ON JULY 18, FOLLOWING THE THREE-DAY BOLIVIAN HOLIDAY WEEKEND.

4. CONSEQUENTLY, THE ONLY NEW ELECTION RESULTS ARE AGAIN THOSE RELEASED JULY 14 BY THE DEPARTMENTAL ELECTORAL COURT OF LA PAZ. ACCORDING TO FINAL BUT UNOFFICIAL RESULTS FOR THE CITY REPEAT CITY OF LA PAZ HERNAN SILES ZUAZO WON THE CITY WITH 137,294 (42.4 O/O), FOLLOWED CLOSELY BY PEREDA WITH 133,908 (41.3 O/O) WITH VICTOR PAZ RECEIVING 21,925 (6.8 O/O) AND BERNAL 8291 (2.6 O/O). THUS PEREDA SIGNIFICANTLY NARROWED SILES' LEAD IN THE CITY FROM 18898 VOTES TO 3386 VOTES AS THE FINAL RESULTS WERE TABULATED.

5. THE FIRST RESULTS FROM THE REST OF LA PAZ DEPARTMENT GIVE PEREDA THE LEAD WITH 12015 TO SILES' 7756 OUT OF A TOTAL VOTE THUS FAR TABULATED OF 24450 VOTES (NO BREAKDOWN HAS BEEN PUBLISHED FOR PAZ OR BERNAL). THUS PEREDA FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE RETURNS BEGAN COMING IN HAS A LEAD, ALBEIT VERY SLIGHT, OF 73 VOTES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LA PAZ AS A WHOLE WITH SOME 350,000 VOTES FROM OUTSIDE THE CITY OF LA PAZ REMAINING TO BE COUNTED.

6. ADDING THE NEW RETURNS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LA PAZ TO THE UNCHANGED FIGURES FOR THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS GIVE PEREDA AN UNOFFICIAL TOTAL OF 766378 (50.58 O/O) VOTES, SILES UNCLASSIFIED

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330626 (21.82 O/O), PAZ 165420 (11.09 O/O) AND BERNAL 155247 (10.41 O/O) VOTES. THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE VOTES REMAINING TO BE COUNTED ARE FOR LA PAZ DEPARTMENT.

7. THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL REACTION YET TO THE DEPARTMENT'S PRESS RELEASE ON JULY 13 ON THE BOLIVIAN ELECTIONS. BOEKER

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